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SUBJ: IRAN AND PANAM

REF: TEHRAN 2210

1. MEHDI SAMII, CHIEF IRANIAN NEGOTIATOR IN PANAM
DEAL, INFORMED DCM MORNING MARCH 19 THAT NEGOTIATIONS
WITH PANAM LEGAL COUNSEL GEORGE BALL AND ASSOCIATES
HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND EVERYTHING AGREED TO UNTIL
"A BOMBSHELL" WAS DROPPED YESTERDAY (MARCH 18).
THE BOMBSHELL CONSISTED OF THE NEWS THAT ACCORDING
TO THE FAA, US LAWS PROHIBIT A COMPETING AIRLINE FROM
BEING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AN AMERICAN AIRLINE.
SAMII SAID THIS WAS APPARENTLY A ONE-WAY STREET, HOWEVER,
IN THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN US LAWS WHICH PREVENTED AN
AMERICAN AIRLINE SUCH AS PANAM FROM BEING ON THE BOARD
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OF DIRECTORS OF A FOREIGN AIRLINE. INASMUCH AS THE GOI

FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT IRAN AIR SHOULD BE THE CONTRACTING PARTY IN IRAN'S ARRANGEMENT WITH PAN AMERICAN AND PRESUMABLY HAVE A PLACE ON PANAM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AN INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLE NOW SEEMS TO HAVE ARISEN AS THE DEAL NEARS COMPLETION.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO ADVISE US URGENTLY WHETHER SAMII'S UNDERSTANDING OF US LAWS AND/OR REGULATIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER ARE CORRECT, AND IF IT IS, WHETHER THERE IS ANY EXCEPTION OR ARRANGEMENT THAT CAN BE MADE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE IRAN-PANAM DEAL TO GO FORWARD.
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